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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PAROLE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: MANILA 07143

FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S PARTY (ATTENTION HOLBROOKE/OAKLEY)

1. INITIAL CONTACTS WITH RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGING BUT STILL NOT DEFINITIVE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS, HOWEVER, THAT COMMITTEES MIGHT CONCUR IN PAROLE FOR INDO-CHINESE AND SOVIET REFUGEES WITHOUT NECESSITY OF HEARINGS. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE VICE-PRESIDENT MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO SENATOR EASTLAND AND CONGRESSMAN RODINO EITHER BY TELEGRAM OR TELEPHONE:

--THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY
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GENERAL HAS NOW INDICATED HIS INTENTION TO PAROLE 25,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

--AS YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE STUDY AND DISCUSSION WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION AND HAS THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.

--THIS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION DURING MY VISIT IN THAILAND.

--MY HOPE IS THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT CAN BE PERSUADED TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF RESETTLING MORE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES PERMANENTLY IN THAILAND.

--IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THAI, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO INFORM THEM OF THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CONGRESS IN THE INTENTIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

--I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HAD THIS LETTER FOR ONLY A VERY SHORT TIME. IT IS, HOWEVER, A SUBJECT TO WHICH BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION OVER THE PAST YEAR.

--THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS PAROLE REALLY RESTS ON THE SAME GROUNDS AS THOSE THAT SUPPORTED OUR PREVIOUS REQUESTS IN AUGUST AND JANUARY.

--THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT WE ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF A MORE REGULARIZED LONG TERM PROGRAM.

--THEREFORE, I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO INFORM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT YOU SEE NO FURTHER NEED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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SULTATIONS OR HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE EXERCISE OF HIS PAROLE AUTHORITY.

2. IF THE SUBJECT OF THE PAROLE FOR SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES IS RAISED, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT:

--THE FIGURE OF 5,000 SOVIET REFUGEES BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 1, 1979 IS CLEARLY INADEQUATE AND WAS INCLUDED IN THE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LETTER BY INADVERTENCE.

--JUSTICE IS PREPARING A REVISED LETTER IN THIS RESPECT.

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